**NEWTON NORTH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

Monday, October 2, 2017, 6:30pm

1. **Attendees at School Council meeting**

Henry Turner, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair

Jenny Chou, parent representative & Co-Chair

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Karen Cutone, parent representative

Debbie Dashoff, parent representative

Maya Gomberg, student representative

Christiaan Johnson-Green, parent representative

Gabriel Kotsonis, student representative

Michele Leong, faculty representative

Joanna Mandinova, student representative

Marcia Tabenken, parent representative

Kathryn Teissier du Cros, faculty representative

Jeanne White, community representative

Nancy Decoteau and Alicia Matos were not present

1. **Acceptance of Minutes**
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
3. **Updates**

PTSO: Grants and projects process opening up for teachers to apply for funds

Principal: Introduced principal intern Cristina Schulze. During a half-day last Wednesday, Jessica Minahan presented to teachers about anxiety and effects on students’ ability to learn. The library is fully open and everyone is working to keep the noise level low.

SFA is discussing ideas for opening Main Street; first meeting next Wednesday and ready to select furniture to be purchased with PTSO funds. Maybe run a pilot in November-Decemnber starting with 3rd lunch.  Henry took a trip with Leadership Class to Thompson Island: team building, discussions about race.

1. **Working Groups**

Technology – Two possible short term projects 1) compilation of conversation starters to help parents discuss technology use with students using data collected from students or research 2) on-campus event for students possible January for discussions around tech use potential pitfalls via panels of peers (grads, alums etc.)

Continued Learning – Possible forum to highlight for parents what students are doing/learning to be more civically engaged. Leadership/athletics/Close up among areas already existing. Possible formats to consider – website or periodic emails to highlight civic engagement opportunities/happenings at NNHS.

1. **Next meeting**

November 6, 2017 6:30 pm Room 103